Naxal activities hurdle in investment in Orissa

2230. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalite activities are a major hurdle in attracting fresh industrial/other investment in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to take any serious steps against naxalite activities; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken and proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The State Government of Orissa has informed that during the last five years, 79 MOU's with a total investment commitment of Rs. 3,65,326,40 crores have been signed by the State Government.

State Government deals with the naxal issues and Central Government assists and supplements the resources of the State in the areas of security and development. Government of Orissa has *inter-alia* banned CPI (Maoist) and seven of its front/allied organizations, created a striking force called "Special Operations Group" and created a dedicated Special Intelligence Wing; is in the process of making four Special Security Battalions and five India Reserve Battalions full operational, set up a unit called "Orissa Special Striking Force" by inducting Ex-servicemen; recruited 2100 tribal youths as Special Police Officers; augmented man power in naxal affected Police Stations; has taken up fortification of Police Stations in a phased manner; extended a Special Incentive Package for the Police personnel engaged in Anti-Naxalite and upgraded infrastructure for training the force in counter insurgency and jungle warfare substantially.

Naxalites hold spreading in Delhi

†2231. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites have made a hold into twenty police station areas of the capital;

(b) if so, the action taken so far to check the fast spreading Naxalism and the results thereof;

(c) the future strategy of Government to solve the problem of Naxalism;

(d) whether it is also a fact that naxalites are making a conspiracy to free Afzal Guru, accused in the attack on Parliament; and

(e) if so, the precautionary measures being adopted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Available inputs do not suggest overground activities of CPI (Maoist) in Delhi. However, keeping in view activities of their frontal organizations, a Naxal Cell has been set up in Delhi Police.

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